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Applicant : Jon H. Bechtel et al.
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.10(c), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accord a filing date of February 6, 2002, for the above-identified patent application.

Specifically, upon receiving the Filing receipt (a copy of which is enclosed), Applicants' representative noted that a filing date of February 8, 2002, had been erroneously given to this application despite the fact that the "date in" on Express Mail label No. EV037477632US indicated that the application was deposited on February 6, 2002. A copy of the Express Mail label is attached. Also attached is a printout of shipment history from the United States Postal Service web site, which shows that the Express Mail package bearing label No. EV037477632US was in route as of February 6, 2002. This clearly serves as evidence that the "date in" was in fact February 6, 2002, as clearly indicated on the Express Mail label. As will be apparent from a review of the file, each piece of correspondence bears

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the Express Mail label No. EV037477632US. Also enclosed is a copy of the returned postcard, which also indicates a filing date of February 6, 2002. However, it is noted that the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Application Information Retrieval web site indicates a filing date for the application as being February 8, 2002, which is clearly also in error.

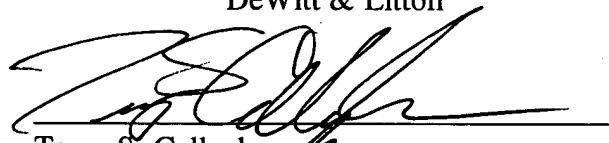
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Applicants submit that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.10(c) have been met and, accordingly, the relief sought in this Petition should be granted and thus the application should be given a filing date of February 6, 2002, and a corrected Filing Receipt indicating the same should be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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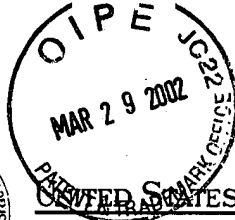


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Title

Sensor configuration for substantial spacing from a small aperture

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